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Sodbuster Days return to Fort Ransom State Park

Prepare for a trip back in time as Fort Ransom State Park is hosts the 26th Annual Sodbuster Days on Sept. 12-13, beginning at 10 a.m. each day.

The sights, sounds, aromas and flavors of early North Dakota are recreated during a weekend dedicated to the early settlers of the scenic Sheyenne River valley. Visitors will get a glimpse of what life was like on the plains as demonstrators recreate the crafts and skills of simpler times.

Horse powered threshing is featured on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. Demonstrations feature haying, fieldwork, blacksmithing, tatting, spinning, crafting, homemaking, and much more.

On Saturday, Custer's 7th Cavalry Co. E. will perform at 5 p.m. The company's encampment is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Live old-time music can be heard throughout the weekend at the new Music Building. There will also be supervised kids' events both days including games, crafts and contests for those in preschool to age 12.

Admission is \$5, though park daily vehicle charges are being waived Saturday for day use visitors. The event is sponsored by Fort Ransom Sodbusters Association, Fort Ransom and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information contact Fort Ransom State Park at 701-973-4331. Camping reservations can be made by calling 800-807-4723 or online at <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>.